IN THE CLAIMS

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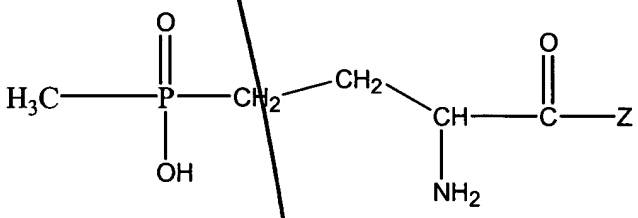
--13. A method for combatting harmful plants in cotton crops, which comprises applying a herbicidal composition to the harmful plants or to the area where the harmful plants reside, wherein the herbicidal composition comprises a herbicide combination comprising a synergistically effective amount of

(A) a broad-spectrum herbicide consisting of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of

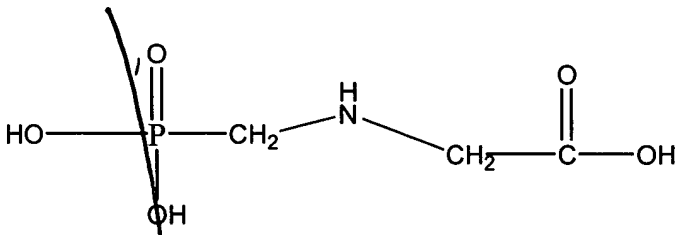
(A1) compounds of the formula (A1),



(A1)

in which Z is a radical of the formula –OH or a peptide radical of the formula —NHCH(CH_3)CONHCH(CH_3)COOH or —NHCH(CH_3)CONHCH[$CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$]COOH, or the esters, salts and other phosphinothricine derivatives of said peptide radicals;

(A2) compounds of the formula (A2) and the esters or salts of said compounds



(A2)

(A3) imidazolinones and their salts;

(A4) herbicidal azoles selected from the group of inhibitors consisting of protoporphyrinogen-oxidase (PPO-inhibitors) and the PPO-inhibitor WC9717; and

(A5) hydroxybenzonitriles,

and

(B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of

(B1) norflurazon, fluometuron, methylarsonic acid and its salts, diuron, cyanazine, prometryn, clomazone, trifluralin, metolachlor, linuron, paraquat (salts) and pendimethalin;

(B2) lactofen, oxyfluorfen, bispyribac or its salts, and pyrithiobac or its salts;

(B3) quizalofop-P or its esters, quizalofop or its esters, fenoxaprop-P or its esters, fenoxaprop or its esters, fluazifop-P or its esters, fluazifop or its esters, haloxyfop or its esters, haloxyfop-P or its esters, and propaquizafop; and

(B4) sethoxydim, cycloxydim and clethodim,

and optionally one or more safeners

wherein said cotton crops are tolerant to the herbicides (A) and (B) in said combination, and with the exception of combinations of active substance wherein

(a) a combination of (A1) glufosinate or (A2) glyphosate and (B) metolachlor is applied in application rates of 20 to 800 g a. i./ha of (A1) or (A2) and, respectively of 500 to 5000 g AS/ha for (B) and in the ratio by weight (A1):(B) of 50:1 to 1:20 or (A2):(B) of 60:1 to 1:20,

(b) a combination of (A1) glufosinate and (B) lactofen and/or oxyfluorfen

14. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein herbicide (A) is glufosinate-ammonium.

15. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein component (B) is one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of

(B1) norflurazon, methylarsonic acid or its salts, diuron, cyanazine, prometryn, clomazone, trifluralin, linuron, paraquat (salts) and pendimethalin;

(B2) bispyribac or its salts and pyrithiobac or its salts;

(B3) quizalofop-P or its esters, quizlofop or its esters, fenoxaprop-P or its esters, fenoxaprop or its esters, fluazifop-P or its esters, fluazifop or its esters, haloxyforp or its esters, haloxyforp-P or its esters, propaquizafop; and

(B4) sethoxydim, cycloxydim and clethodim.

16. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein herbicide (A) is glyphosate-isopropylammonium.

17. The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein herbicide (B) is one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of

(B1) norflurazon, methylarsonic acid or its salts, cyanazine, prometryn, clomazone, trifluralin, linuron, paraquat (salts) and pendimethalin;

(B2) lactofen, oxyfluorfen, bispyribac or its salts, and pyrithiobac and its salts;

(B3) quizalofop-P or its esters, quizalofop or its esters, fenoxaprop-P or its esters, fenoxaprop or its esters, haloxyfop or its esters, haloxyfop-P or its esters, and propaquizafop; and

(B4) sethoxydim, cycloxydim and clethodim.

18. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the herbicidal combination further comprises additional active ingredients for crop protection.

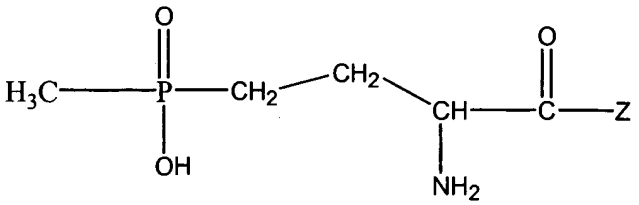
19. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the herbicidal combination further comprises adjuvants or formulation auxiliaries conventionally used in crop protection.

20. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the herbicides comprising the herbicidal combination are applied jointly or separately, pre-emergence, post-emergence or pre- and post-emergence to the plants, parts of the plants, seeds of the plants or the area under cultivation.

21. A herbicidal composition which comprises a combination of

(A) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of

(A1) compounds of the formula (A1),



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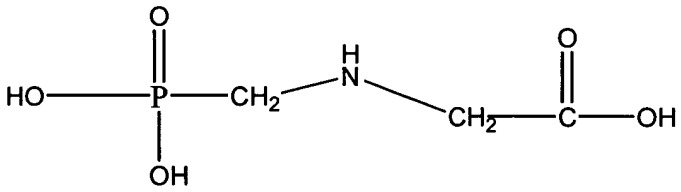
in which Z is a radical of the formula –OH or a peptide radical of the formula —$NHCH(CH_3)CONHCH(CH_3)COOH$ or —$NHCH(CH_3)CONHCH[CH_2CH(CH_3)_2]COOH$, or the esters, salts and other phosphinothricine derivatives of said peptide radicals;

(A2) compounds of the formula (A2) and the esters or salts of said compounds



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(A3) imidazolinones and their salts;

(A4) herbicidal azoles selected from the group of inhibitors consisting of protoporphyrinogen-oxidase (PPO-inhibitors) and the PPO-inhibitor WC9717; and

(A5) hydroxybenzonitriles,

and

(B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of

(B1') methylarsonic acid, diuron, cyanazine, clomazone, trifluralin, paraquat and pendimethalin;

(B2') lactofen, oxyfluorfen, bispyribac, pyrithiobac;

(B3') quizalofop-P or its esters, quizalofop or its esters, fenoxaprop-P or its esters, fenoxaprop or its esters, fluazifop-P or its esters, fenoxaprop-P or its esters, haloxyfop or its esters, haloxyfop-P or its esters; and

(B4') sethoxydim, cycloxydim and clethodim and

(C) optionally adjuvants or auxiliaries customarily used in crop protection

with the exception of compositions containing a combination of herbicide (A1) glufosinate and herbicide (B)diuron, lactofen and/or oxyfluorfen.

22. A herbicidal composition which comprises a combination of one or more herbicides (A1) glufosinate-ammonium and one or more herbicides from the group consisting of

(B1') methylarsonic acid, cyanazine, clomazone, trifluralin, paraquat and pendimethalin;

(B2') bispyribac and pyrithiobac;

(B3') quizalofop-P or its esters, quizalofop or its esters, fenoxaprop-P or its esters, fenoxaprop or its esters, fluazifop-P or its esters, fluazifop or its esters, haloxyfop or its esters, haloxyfop-P or its esters; and

(B4) sethoxydim, cycloxydim and clethodim, and optionally adjuvants or formulation auxiliaries conventionally used in crop protection.

23. The herbicidal composition wherein herbicide (A) is glufosinate ammonium salt and herbicide (B) is cycloxydim.

24. A method for controlling harmful plants in cotton crops which comprises applying a synergistic effective amount of the herbicidal combination as claimed in claim 22 to the harmful plants or to an area where the harmful plants reside, wherein said cotton crops are tolerant to glufosinate ammonium salt and cycloxydim.

25. A method for regulating the growth of cotton plants which comprises applying a herbicidal composition according to claim 21 to the cotton plants or to an area where they reside.

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26. A method for influencing the yield or the constituents of cotton plants which comprises applying a herbicidal composition to the cotton plants or to an area where they reside.--

REMARKS

Attached hereto are copies of the two Information Disclosure Statements that were filed in this application together with the prior publications cited therein.

This invention provides for, *inter alia*, herbicidal compositions which may be used to control harmful plants in tolerant or resistant crops of cotton. The inventive compositions comprise a combination of two or more herbicides, which exert synergistic herbicidal activity when used together. This invention also provides for methods of controlling unwanted plant growth in cotton crops, which are tolerant to the herbicides, that comprises applying the inventive herbicidal composition to the cotton crops or to an environment where they reside.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner to extend the time period for Applicants to file a response to the outstanding Office Action by three (3) months, i.e., up to an including July 4, 2001. As that day is a holiday, the due date is July 5, 2001. A check for $890.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of this petition. It is believed that no further fees are due. If, however, an additional fee is due, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.